

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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ROBERT E. ORDAL,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

SOCORRO KEENAN, et al.,

Defendant(s).

2:15-cv-01537-GMN-NJK

**ORDER**

Defendant Socorro Keenan is proceeding in this action *pro se*, removed this action from state court, and has requested authority pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Docket No. 1. Applications to proceed *in forma pauperis* are used by parties who can demonstrate an inability to pay the Court's \$400 filing fee. In determining whether to grant an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the Court may look beyond the application to determine the financial condition of the applicants. *See, e.g., Ballard v. Las Vegas Metro. Police*, 2013 U.S. 185112, \*4 (D. Nev. Oct. 18, 2013), *adopted* 2014 U.S. Dist. Lexis 19284 (D. Nev. Feb. 14, 2014).

In reviewing Defendant's pending application, it is clear that it is incomplete in several respects. First, Defendant lists her take-home pay or wages at \$3,500 per month. *See* Docket No. 1 at 1. The application fails to identify Defendant's employer, the nature of any self-employment, and what amount of money Defendant expects to receive in the future from that source.

Second, Defendant asserts as income "[r]ent payments, interest, or dividends," but fails to explain sufficiently how much it consists of and what amount of money Defendant expects to receive in the future from that source.

1 Third, it appears that Defendant owns a home because Defendant is paying a home loan of  
2 \$1899 per month. *See* Docket No. 1 at 2. At the same time, the only real property listed as an asset  
3 is valued at \$300. *See id.* Accordingly, the application appears to have omitted the value of the  
4 property for which the home loan is being paid.

5 Fourth, Defendant lists an automobile on the application but fails to identify its value.

6 Fifth, with respect to debts and other financial obligations, Defendant states only “[a]ll of the  
7 above.” *See id.* But the application requires Defendant to provide the names of the persons and/or  
8 entities to which the amounts are owed. *See id.* Those names were omitted.<sup>1</sup>

9 Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

- 10 1. Defendant’s Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* is **DENIED WITHOUT**  
11 **PREJUDICE.**
- 12 2. Defendant shall have until **September 8, 2015**, in which to file a completed  
13 Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*.
- 14 3. The Clerk of Court shall mail Defendant two blank Applications to Proceed *In*  
15 *Forma Pauperis* for non-incarcerated litigants.
- 16 4. Alternatively to filing an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, Defendant may  
17 pay the \$400.00 filing fee no later than **September 8, 2015**.
- 18 5. **Failure to comply with this Order will result in a recommendation to the**  
19 **District Judge that Defendant’s Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* be**  
20 **denied with prejudice.**

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22 DATED: August 24, 2015

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25 NANCY J. KOPPE  
26 United States Magistrate Judge  
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28 <sup>1</sup> Defendant also appears to have miscalculated the monthly expenses, as the Court’s  
calculation of the monthly expenses is \$3,267 and not \$3,367.